



IRELAND

VS

FRANCE

RUGBY LEAGUE

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SATURDAY

03RD NOVEMBER 2018

MORTON STADIUM, SANTRY

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PROGRAMME
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**RUGBY LEAGUE
EUROPEAN
CHAMPIONSHIP**



**WORLD CUP
ENGLAND
2021**



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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS



It is a great pleasure to be able to welcome you all to the new home of rugby league in Ireland. We enter a new and exciting time for our sport with great young talent on display today. This afternoon will set us on our journey to the world cup. The euros are the stepping stone into the future for Irish rugby league and with your support we can all embark on this great journey. It would not be right to miss this opportunity to thank all involved at all levels who made this day possible. The lads on the pitch are about to do the hard yards but there has been much yardage done to get here. Failte roimh an-te (a very warm welcome) to our guests and we look forward to a good day and evening together. Rugby is a sport for life and that is part of the enjoyment of these games to see old faces again. Rugby league in Ireland is growing and this would not be possible without Sport Ireland funding and our sponsors, thank you. To view our plans going forward check out our website for updates and information www.rli.ie We start with two home games and the third away to Wales.

There is a lot done but more to do and we have the team both on and off the pitch to succeed. Time for talking is over, Res Non Verba (actions not words).

Barry Coade

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YAP Ireland was founded in 2002 and today is operating in 22 counties across Ireland. YAP Ireland employs 32 permanent staff and approximately 150 advocates. In 2017, 487 young people and their families participated on the YAP programme, including 280 referred for the first time.

In 2017, 83% of young people on the YAP programme reported an improvement in their self-esteem and confidence, 89% reported an improvement in self-harm behaviours, 86% reported an improvement in substance abuse, 77% reported an improvement in anger issues and 83% reported an improvement in their emotional wellbeing. These outcomes are based on data for 1690 young people who YAP have worked with between January 2011 and October 2017, with views of the young people, families, referrers, advocates and managers measured when the young people enter the programme and then again at their exit.



STATSports are delighted to work with Rugby League Ireland and to extend our relationship following last year's rugby World Cup. We are an Irish company and have a long history of supporting our Ireland's National teams across an array of sports with the world's most advanced performance monitoring system. Our aim is to assist these teams competing at the highest level in improving the on field output from their athletes on game day.

Rugby League Ireland have gone from strength to strength in recent times and we very much look forward to working with the team through the qualifying campaign for the 2021 World Cup in England.

Richard Byrne - Stat Sports

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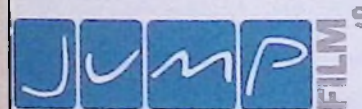
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5. Ethan Ryan, Bradford Bulls
6. Greg McNally, Bradford Bulls
7. Liam Finn, Newcastle Thunder (**Captain**)
8. Liam Byrne, Wigan Warriors
9. Declan O'Donnell, Wigan Warriors
10. George King, Wakefield Trinity
11. Tyrone McCarthy, Salford Red Devils
12. Will Hope, Swinton Lions
13. Lewis Bienek, Hull FC

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1. Tony Gigot, Catalan Dragons
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5. Paul Marcon, Toulouse
6. William Barthau, Toulouse
7. Theo Fages, St Helens
8. Romain Navarette, Wigan Warriors
9. Stanislas Robin, Toulouse
10. Bastien Canet, Toulouse
11. Rhys Curran, Toulouse
12. Benjamin Jullien, Warrington Wolves
13. Jason Baitieri, Catalan Dragons

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14. Thibaut Margalet, Catalan Dragons
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17. Lucas Albert, Catalan Dragons

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IRELAND v FRANCE - MATCH PREVIEW

Stuart Littler's team comes into this game off the back of a solid result vs Scotland winning 36-10 in Morton Stadium last week. Ireland had a number of debutants getting their first taste of senior level and did not disappoint with Ethan Ryan, Dec O'Donnell and Ronan Micheal putting in more than solid displays on their debut.

France had a solid first outing vs Wales in Carcassonne winning 54-18, Tony Gigot, Romain Navarrette and Morgan Escare showing their super league experience with some eye catching displays

PLAYER PROFILES



Name Will Hope
Age: 25
Position: Back row /Loose forward
Height: 6ft 2
Weight: 105 kg
Club: Swinton Lions
Previous clubs: Salford Red Devils, Oldham Roughyeds, Sheffield Eagles
International Caps: 10
Trophy's won: League 1 with oldham
Favorite food: Steak and Chips
Music: RNB, Hip Hop and Jazz
Person in sport you most admire: Connor McGregor

Favorite league player: George King

Favorite team: Swinton Lions

Ambition in league: to play in another World Cup with Ireland



Name: Gregg McNally
Age: 27
Position: Full back/Half back
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 86kg
Club: Bradford Bulls
Previous clubs: Whitehaven RL, Huddersfield Giants, Leigh Centurions
International Caps: 9
Trophy's won: Northern Rail Cup 2013, Championship League Leaders Shield 2014,15,16, Championship Grand final winner 2014, League One play off final 2018. Promoted to Super League 2016.

Favorite food: Anything Italian

Music: Courteeners, Oasis etc

Person in sport you most admire: Apart from Casey Dunne, David Beckham

Favorite League Player: Billy Slater

Favorite League Team: Bradford Bulls

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KEY PLAYERS - FRANCE



Name - Tony Gigot
Position - Centre/Full Back
Club - Catalan Dragons

Wherever Tony Gigot takes his position in the French lineup he will need extra attention given. Has the ability to bamboozle defenders with footwork and trickery so the Irish defense will need to be on their A game. Received the man of the match award in the Catalan Dragons challenge cup win this year and has the ability to change a game in a heartbeat. Likes to come from behind the ruck and his link up play with Theo Fages will be important for the French



Name - Romain Navarrette
Club - Wigan Warriors
Position - Prop

An aggressive ball carrier who also likes to put his body into contact in defense. Starred for Wigan in their grand final win over Warrington Wolves. Will be the main ball carrier for the French pack and if he can get his nose through the Irish defensive line he will bring the exciting players into the game with the likes of Gigot, Escare and Fages hoping he does. Look out for his barnstorming carries and big hits.

KEY PLAYERS -IRELAND



Name - Ethan Ryan
Position - Wing
Team - Bradford Bulls

The Bradford bulls man caused endless amounts of problems for the Scottish defense with both his finishing and support play and his try Assist for Tyrone McCarthys was pure class. His match up with Morgan Eescare is mouth watering and if he can get the advantage early on, it may give Ireland a major opportunity in getting some success from Liam Finns pinpoint kicking game.



Name - Scott Grix
Team - Wakefield Trinity
Position - Full Back

Showed his class and composure at the back while mopping up a lot of the Scottish attacking kicks. The swirling winds made for an uncomfortable day for most but Grix never flinched and his Ireland teammates were provided with a great platform of his kick returns. Marshal's his defense exceptionally well and linked impressively with both Finn and McNally in attack. His composure at the back is infectious and he will need to be on his A-game vs France if Ireland are to succeed.



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